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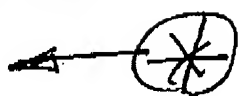
For: THIN FILM TRANSISTOR AND METHOD
FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

CORRECTED
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 24-26, 28, 29 and 32-33) in this application. [Corrected to read 24-26, not 24-46.] 

However, applicants traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-19, 24-26, 28-29, 32-39, 44-46 and 52-54 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which clearly states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy

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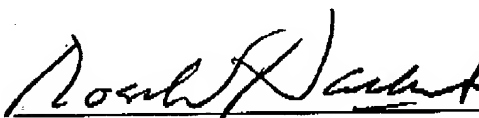
should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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